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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of November 19, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Ray Graham called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. Introduction of Participants**

Present were:

- Mr. Raymond Graham, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- The Honorable Jonathan S. Lynn, Attorney for the Commonwealth
- Sheriff Joseph Higgs, Jr.
- Chief Philip Myer, Fauquier County Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Anthony Hooper, Assistant County Administrator
- Mr. Allen Cubbage, Warrenton Town Police
- Mr. Perry Cogburn, VDOT
- Mr. Garrett Moore, VDOT
- Mr. Blake Gallagher, Vice President, Fire and Rescue Association
- First Sergeant James Murphy, Virginia State Police
- Mr. Bill Dugan, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Ronnie Sheets, Fauquier County Operations
- Mr. Charles Shepherd, Virginia Department of Health
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Public Safety Committee Lead Staff

**3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

Mr. Graham moved for approval of the current agenda and the minutes of October 15, 2003. Adopted.

**4. VDOT Homeland Security Emergency Transportation Plan**

Mr. Perry Cogburn of the Virginia Department of Transportation presented a slide show on the Homeland Security Emergency Transportation Plan (*a hard copy of which is included with these minutes*).

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**5. Radio System Progress**

Mr. Hooper reported that a lease for the Blue Mountain tower site had been obtained. Equipment is being installed at all sites. Mr. Dugan indicated that equipment would be turned on the first of the year and equipment installed in cars during January. Leaf testing will occur last. Culpeper County is in the process of converting to an 800 MHz system and this will result in cost savings and a viable back up system. Chief Myer will continue to seek relevant grants.

**6. Roundtable**

First Sergeant Murphy indicated that the State Police are seeking the Northern Virginia differential (an increase in 15%) for troopers serving Fauquier County. He enlisted the support of the schools and the Sheriff's Office. Legislators have been receptive to this proposal.

Chief Myer presented a letter from the Fire and Rescue Association requesting a full time Training Captain position and the conversion of a part-time temporary EMT teacher to a full time position. Mr. Graham called for endorsement of the Training Captain position. Generally concurred. Mr. Graham indicated that the part-time position should first go through the Personnel and Finance Committees for approval.

Chief Myer indicated that he was working cooperatively with the various power companies to streamline services.

**7. Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Mr. Graham called for adjournment.  
Generally concurred.

*Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003*

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*Catherine M. Heritage, Lead Staff*  
*Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee*